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Diverse Groups Rallied Behind Paul's Filibuster

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In the days leading up to CPAC 2013, the name of Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) was very much in the news. Even before CPAC it was nearly impossible to read major media accounts of his activities without consistently seeing Paul's name linked in headlines with the magic number "2016."

And while Paul's recent widely publicized Senate filibuster correctly drew attention to the Obama administration's secretive and dangerous policy on the use of drone warfare and brought vocal criticism by old reliable GOP warmongers such as Sens. John McCain (Ariz.) and Lindsey Graham (S.C.), the more nuanced aspects of the controversy surrounding the filibuster got lost in the shuffle over name calling by McCain and his evil twin.

Many conservatives — joining McCain and company — actually favor the use of drones as part of the vaunted "war on terrorism" launched under Dubya Bush. The drones are integral to the "homeland security" theme and the fight against the allegedly ubiquitous "Islamic terrorists" said to be lurking behind every corner (here and abroad) ready to strike America and its reputed interests around the planet. So the truth is that a lot of the conservatives rallying behind Paul's filibuster only did so because they saw it as a convenient way to embarrass Obama.

In fact, Paul's filibuster received energetic support from many liberals who otherwise support Obama. *Washington Post* columnist Eugene Robinson and former Bill Clinton White House Chief of Staff John Podesta weighed in against the drone policy, praising Paul.

And there's another little-mentioned aspect of Paul's filibuster. Much of Paul's ire focused on new CIA chief John Brennan. Many view Brennan as insufficiently supportive of Israel, and he was even accused of secretly converting to Islam during his days as CIA station chief in Saudi Arabia — a claim most consider Israeli propaganda.

Pro-Israel writer, Emmett Tyrell, described Brennan as "closer to the Arab line than any other recent top spymaster has ever been" — and, as a consequence, a few analysts have suggested that, in his filibuster against Brennan, Paul was carrying water for the Israeli lobby.

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